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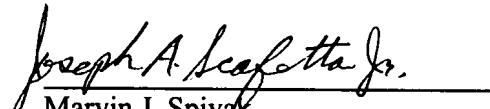
Sir:

Attached herewith is a Substitute Declaration, executed by the inventors, to place the U.S. Patent Office files in order.

This Substitute Declaration being filed to correct the transposed filing date of the second Japanese application and to include the domestic priority.

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<p>Name of Patentee(s) Kohji SAKAI et al.</p>							
Patent Number 5,831,758	Date Patent Issued November 3, 1998						
<p>Title of Invention MULTI-BEAM OPTICAL SCANNER</p>							
<p>I believe said patentee(s) to be the original, first and sole or joint inventor(s) of the subject matter with is described and claimed in said patent, for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled: MULTI-BEAM OPTICAL SCANNER the specification of which</p>							
<p><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> was filed on <u>October 18, 1999</u> as reissue application number <u>09/421,332</u> and (if applicable) was amended on _____</p>							
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<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u>				
8-142791	JAPAN	05/06/1996	YES				
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08/868,737	June 4, 1997	Patented					
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